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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: SHIPBUILDING

REF: CARACAS 6428, STATE A-4274 AND GER-6-50332

1. COVINCA AND ASTILLEROS ESPANOLES S.A. (AES) WILL SIGN THE AGREEMENT FOR THEIR JOINT SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIR VENTURE TO BE LOCATED IN LOS TAQUES: PARAGUANA; FALCON STATE, ON SATURDAY SEPTMBER 10 DURING KING JUAN CARLOS' OF SPAIN VISIT.

2. THE YARD WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE SHIPS BETWEEN 60,000 AND 120,000 DWT (CORRECTION FROM REFTEL) AND REPAIR VESSELS UP TO 90,000 TONS. PRODUCTION CAPABILITY WILL BE SIX SHIPS A YEAR AND REPAIR FACILITIES WILL BE CAPABLE FOR REPAIRING 135 SHIPS A YEAR. PRODUCTION WILL BE CONCENTRATED ON BUILDING 30,000 TON VESSELS.

3. ON-SITE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHIPYARD IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MONTHS. THE FIRST PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION WILL LAST FOUR YEARS; THE SECOND PHASE WILL TAKE SIX YEARS. THE FIRST VESSEL WILL BE PRODUCED 30 MONTHS FROM NOW.  
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